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SUBJ: JUNTA AND MILITARY COMMANDERS SUPPORT MORALES BERMUDEZ -  
CIMP COMMANDER OUSTED

1. FOLLOWING LENGTHY SESSION OF CABINET AND MILITARY LEADERS WHICH EXTENDED FAR INTO NIGHT OF JULY 9-10, THE MILITARY JUNTA ISSUED AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE AT 0330 JULY 10. THE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY GEN. FERNANDEZ MALDONADO AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER OF WAR, BY NAVY MINISTER PARODI, AND BY AIR MINISTER POGGI, READS AS FOLLOWS:

2. "FACED WITH THE REBELLIOUSNESS OF THE EX-COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY TRAINING CENTER (CIMP), RETIRED GENERAL CARLOS BOBBIO CENTURION (HIS RETIREMENT DATE WOULD HAVE BEEN 1981), WHO WITH HIS ATTITUDE IS AFFECTING THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, THE  
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COMMANDING GENERALS OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE OF PERU

INFORM THE CITIZENRY THAT THE ARMED FORCES MAINTAIN THEIR PROMISE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS LED BY GENERAL FRANCISCO MORALES BERMUDEZ CERRUTTI."

3. THE FIVE REGIONAL COMMANDERS ALSO ISSUED COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTING THE MORALES BERMUDEZ GOVERNMENT. MINISTER OF INTERIOR CISNEROS "CONSCIOUS OF THE SITUATION"EXPRESSED THE "UNALTERABLE LOYALTY AND SUPPORT OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL, GUARDIA REPUBLICANA, AND INVESTIGATIONS POLICE (PIP) FOR PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ IN THE DECISION HE IS TAKING TO INSURE SOCIAL PEACE..." LENGTHY GOP MEETING AT PALACE AND POSTPONEMENT OF COMMUNIQUE UNTIL 0330 A.M. PROBABLY STEMMED FROM A LACK OF UNANIMITY OVER THE METHOD OF RESOLVING THE POLITICAL PROBLEM FOCUSED AT THE CIMP. THE POSITION OF GENERAL JUAN SANCHEZ, COMMANDER OF THE THIRD MILITARY REGION (AREQUIPA), MAY HAVE BEEN CRUCIAL TO THE OUTCOME. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY SANCHEZ IS DISTINGUISHED FROM THOSE OF OTHER REGIONAL COMMANDERS IN ITS FAILURE TO MENTION THE "REBELLIOUS" ATTITUDE OF GENERAL BOBBIO. SANCHEZ MERELY REFERRED TO THE "EVENTS" WHICH "OCCURRED IN THE CAPITAL AND AT THE CIMP" AND IT EXPRESSED THIRD REGION SUPPORT FOR MORALES BERMUDEZ. SANCHEZ DECLARED THE SITUATION NORMAL" IN AREQUIPA.

4. GENERAL BOBBIO OPENLY EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE "PROGRESSIVE" DEVELOPMENT OF THE REVOLUTION AND HE WAS KNOWN TO HAVE EXCHANGED STRONG WORDS WITH GENERAL FERNANDEZ MALDONADO ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. FERNANDEZ MALDONADO MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT BOBBIO, PERHAPS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NAVY, WAS PPREPARED A COUP OR SIMPLY THAT BOBBIO'S ATTITUDE WAS BORDERING ON THE DISLOYAL. IN ANY EVENT, FERNANDEZ MALDONADO, APPARENTLY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF MORALES BERMUDEZ, DECIDED TO REITRE BOBBIO. BOBBIO DEFIED THE RETIREMENT ORDER AND THIS BROUGHT ABOUT THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN AIRBORNE TROOPS AND THE CIMP IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF JULY 9. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY "EC COMERCIO", "THE SUBVERSION DIRECTED FROM THE CIMP WAS PUT DOWN IN TWENTY MINUTES." THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE WENT ON ALERT BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED, PRESUMABLY LEAVING THE PROBLEM RESOLUTION TO THE ARMY. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF EITHER DEAD OR

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INJURED IN THE CIMP SKIRMISH. ALL APPEARS NORMAL JULY 10 AT THE CIMP ITSELF AND IN LIMA AND CALLAO.

5. THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE SEEMS TO BE CLEARLY RESOLVED AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE FURTHER MILITARY VIOLENCE OR OPEN CONFRONTATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE MILGOV, FOCUSING ON THE NEED FOR INSTITUTIONAL SOLIDARITY, HAS BEEN ABLE TO HOLD ITSELF TOGETHER UNDER PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ. WHETHER MORALES BERMUDEZ HAS

BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE EVENTS IS QUESTIONABLE. THE CLEAR GAINER SEEMS TO BE FERNANDEZ MALDONADO WHO PERSONALLY CONFRONTED BOBBIO AND ELIMINATED ONE OF THE MOST VOCAL EXPONENTS OF MORE CONSERVATIVE POLICIES. ANOTHER REPUTEDLY CONSERVATIVE ARMY OFFICER, GENERAL BRICENO, CHIEF OF THE FIFTH MILITARY REGION (QUITOS), OPTED FOR INSTITUTIONAL SOLIDARITY AND REPUDIATED BOBBIO FOR DISRUPTING ARMY "COHESION AND DISCIPLINE." THE GENERALLY CONSERVATIVE NAVY IS PROBABLY UNHAPPY WITH THE DENOUEMENT OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS, SINCE AN IMPORTANT CONSERVATIVE VOICE WITHIN THE ARMY HAS BEEN ELIMINATED.

6. INTERNAL DIFFERENCES REMAIN BUT THE GOP HAS BEEN ABLE TO SURMOUNT THESE IN THE INTEREST OF GOVERNMENTAL STABILITY. IN THE FACE OF CRITICAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS ANY OTHER COURSE WOULD HAVE TENDED TOWARD THE SUICIDAL.  
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